

## REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in the application.

Claims 2-24 are allowed.

Claim 1 stands rejected. Claim 1 has been cancelled herein.

### Claim Rejections

Claim 1 is allegedly rejected as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Shirakata et al. in view of Nakada and Scarpa.

Applicant's claim 1 has been cancelled obviating the rejection.

### Conclusion

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-3894.

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